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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takashi NORO et al.

Group Art Unit: 1734

Application No.: 10/531,575

Examiner: B. LAMB

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Docket No.: 123532

For: APPARATUS FOR COATING OUTER PERIPHERAL SURFACE OF PILLAR
STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR COATING OUTER PERIPHERAL SURFACE OF
PILLAR STRUCTURE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the June 11, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 16-30 are pending in this application.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives by Examiner Lamb at the interview held August 21, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

Claims 16-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Japan 08-323727 (JP '727). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that because JP '727 fails to disclose changing the nozzle assembly to correspond to a different length of structure to be coated, it would have been obvious to provide the nozzle assembly with a length that is shorter than the taller length